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(*d*) With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 512 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 18th October 1927, the Secretary laid on the table copies of Rules 22 and 23 [a] of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules.

(*e*) With reference to the answer given to question No. 806 on 21st October 1927, regarding the contribution from ryots for the repairs of Badridu tank in Markapur taluk, the Secretary laid on the table the report [b] received from the Collector.

(*f*) With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 771 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 21st October 1927, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of G.O. No. 792,[c] Home (Judicial), dated 3rd April 1918, on the subject of imprisonment for debt, with its enclosures.

(*g*) With reference to the answer to question No. 874 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 22nd October 1927, regarding the location of an arrack shop at Ganjivaripalli, Kurnool district, the Secretary laid on the table a copy of the report [d] of the Collector of Kurnool, dated 9th November 1927.

(*h*) With reference to the supplementary question to question No. 1119 put at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th November 1927, regarding civil population who own land, etc., in Poonamallee Cantonment, the Secretary laid on the table the information [e] required.

(*i*) With reference to the answer to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) of question No. 1213 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 5th November 1927, the Secretary laid on the table copies of the letter [f] from the Director of Agriculture regarding the extent of land under cultivation and under well cultivation in zamindari areas in the Madras Presidency in 1926–27.

VII

DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS FOR 1925–26.

GRANT II—EXCISE.

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" I move

'*that an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 2,17,590 *be granted under " Grant II—Excise—Transferred " to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1925–26.'

" The reasons which have led to this motion are fully explained in paragraph 40, sub-paragraph (2), of the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the accounts of 1925–26 which has been placed in the hands of hon. Members of this Council for some time, but perhaps I may here very briefly state the case. Previous to the year with which these accounts deal the Government of India supplied opium to this Government at cost price, but payment was not made to the Government of India until the issue from

a Printed as Appendix XIII on pages 129–130 infra.
b Printed as Appendix XIV on page 130 infra.
c Printed separately.
d Printed as Appendix XV on page 131 infra.
e Printed as Appendix XVI on page 131 infra.
f Printed as Appendix XVII on page 131 infra.

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the store to the shop-keepers of this Presidency and the amount thus actually paid to the Government of India was determined purely by the amount issued. In that year the Government of India ordered that the cost price should be credited to them as soon as issue was made from the Ghazipur factory. In March of that year, a large issue was made in order to meet the supplies necessary for the first quarter of 1926–27, but advice was not received by the Commissioner of Excise in time for the necessary supplementary demand to be put forward. The amount was, however, credited to the Government of India and the actual payment was entered in the books of the Madras Government and debited to the accounts of the year 1925–26: and as a result there has been an excess expenditure over the amount allotted in the budget grant of that year. The motion now before the House is on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is that an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 2,17,590 be granted under 'Grant II—Excise—Transferred' to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year 1925–26.

The demand was put to the House and adopted and the grant made.

GRANT XXXI—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"I move

'*that an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 13,545 *be granted under "Grant XXXI—Stationery and Printing—Transferred" to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1925–26.'

"The recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee and the reasons which have led to the Committee to make that recommendation for an excess grant are explained in paragraph 153 of the Committee's report for the year 1925–26. As hon. Members are aware, the actual amounts to be debited to Transferred departments under stationery comes under a separate grant as it is a Transferred subject, but there is only one store common to all the departments of the Government and the actual transactions are booked under the appropriate head from time to time. It would have been possible to enter all these amounts in the accounts of the year 1925–26 and to have a supplementary demand made then, had it not been for a misapprehension of certain instructions issued to the Superintendent of Stationery in order to make sure that supplementary grants were secured. Instructions were issued which necessitated that every need for such a demand should be intimated by the 1st March in the year concerned. As it happened, the Stationery department in this case misconstrued these instructions to mean that no intimation for supplementary demand would be accepted or would be considered after the 1st March. Of course a date was fixed with the intention that such demands should be put forward in time, not to forbid subsequent intimation, but he so construed those instructions with the result that the demand which might have been made before the end of the year is now made on the recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is that an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 13,545 be granted under Grant XXXI—Stationery and Printing—Transferred to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year 1925–26."

The demand was put to the House and adopted and the grant made.

VIII

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1927–28.

GRANT IX.

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move

'*that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs.* 55,000 *under " Grant IX –22. R B. a. General Administration—Legislative bodies —Reserved—Provincial Legislative Councils " for meeting the expenditure on travelling allowance to Members of Legislative Council during the current year.*'

" The explanatory note makes it clear that the travelling allowances have been largely increased mainly on account of the work of the Select Committee on the Andhra University Bills in which connexion certain witnesses have to be examined in Madras, as also in connexion with the Jain Succession Bill. I beg to move that the grant be made."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 55,000 under 'Grant IX—22. R.B. a.—General Administration — Legislative bodies — Reserved — Provincial Legislative Councils ' for the meeting the expenditure on travelling allowance to Members of the Legislative Council during the current year."

* Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI :—" I request the hon. Mover of this motion to clear a doubt regarding this motion, and to tell me if, in spite of the fact that a number of hon. Members of this House are going to absent themselves from the Council until the end of this official year, it is necessary to pass this grant for Rs. 55,000."

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" We do not know definitely, whether they are going to absent themselves, and if so, how long. In fact we have heard statements from newspapers and other places, that they may find it necessary to be here in Madras. The travelling allowance may not therefore be superfluous and we do not yet know what is going to happen."

The demand was put to the House and adopted and the grant made.

GRANT X.

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move

'*that the Government be granted an additional appropriation of Rs.* 10,694 *in the current year under " 47. R. Miscellaneous—Special Commissions of Enquiry—Malabar Tenancy Committee " under " Grant X—General Administration—Secretariats—Reserved " to meet the expenditure connected with the Malabar Tenancy Committee.*'

" I may say in this connexion that the Malabar Tenancy Committee has now made its report, which I understand is unanimous. The Committee is now engaged in drafting the necessary Bill to be brought before this House. The explanatory note gives full details for the extra expenditure incurred. I move that the grant be made."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 10,694 in the current year under '47. R. Miscellaneous—Special Commissions of Enquiry—Malabar Tenancy Committee ' under ' Grant X—General Administration—Secretariats—Reserved ' to meet the expenditure connected with the Malabar Tenancy Committee."